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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

van der Laan, et al.

Serial No.: 07/565,673

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For: EFFICIENT PRODUCTION OF

MUTANT PROTEASES

Not yet assigned Examiner:

Art Unit: 185

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified pater application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

Page 2, line 1 change "endogenous" to -- intracellular --.

Page 3, line 20 after "an" insert -- additional --.

Page 3, line 21 change "cellulose" to -- cellular --.

Page 4, line 30 delete "protease".

Page 4, line 31 change "negative bacillus" to -expression host --.

Page 4, line 34 delete "protease".

Page 4, line 34 change "negative expression host" to -expression host incapable of producing wild-type protease --.

Page 5, line 18 change "hindIII" to -- HindIII --.

Nage 5, line 21 change "cellulose" -- intracellular --.

Page 7, line 27 after "gene." insert -- Furthermore all other plasmid sequences are deleted. --.

Page 8, line 18 change "an" to -- the --.

PRELIMINARY AMEND